WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

The second meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Kelley Goes, Chair
Jamie Sullivan
Jimmy Gianato
Elaine Harris
Dr. Jan Fox
Jim Skidmore
Lee Fisher
Michael Keleman
Mark Polen
Senator John Unger
Sonia Chambers (via phone)
Mike Friloux (via phone)
Jonathan Caldwell, representing Brian Noland
Dr. Jack McClanahan, representing Dr. Steve Paine
John Ruddick, representing B. Keith Fulton

Additional participants:

Pete Cevenini
Larry Malone
Jack Schaffer
Sarah Smith

After a quorum was established, Chair Kelley Goes welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Appointments

The Chair noted that Governor Manchin made two more appointments to the Council. It was announced that Michael Kelemen will serve as the Cable Television Operator representative and Jamie Sullivan will serve as the Broadband Equipment or Device Manufacturer representative.

Business

In order to accommodate scheduling conflicts, the Chair rearranged items on the agenda. The first item of business taken up was on the hiring of the broadband consultant position. It was noted that there were 60 days to submit the RFP. The Chair also asked for suggestions of magazines or other publications that the Council should place an advertisement for the consultant position.

Next, the group began to discuss the content of the broadband consultant description. John Ruddick indicated that he had certain concerns with using the term "candidate" while Jimmy Gianato had problems using the term "compensation." All general concepts of the description were agreed upon by present Council members. It was agreed that the term candidate would be substituted with "team", "organization", or even "vendor." The Council wants it to be clear that the position is not limited to one person, but could be for a group as well. There was a brief discussion on FCC rules and limitations.

It was concluded by the Council that the desired end result was to find a consultant to provide best practices for areas where state and local governments can become proactive in the deployment of broadband.

Jimmy Gianato offered a motion to authorize the Chair to make the discussed changes, and if necessary, to call an emergency meeting for the purpose of discussing said changes. Michael Keleman seconds the motion. The Chair asked that any member of the Council have comments or suggestions to Jimmy Gianato by the end of the week. The goal would be to have the description completed by the end of the month.

The Chair indicated that a discussion on legislative rules would be taken up at the next scheduled meeting.

Presentations

<u>Pete Cevenini, IBSG, Cisco Systems</u>, made a presentation entitled "Broadband Used Around the World in Education." Mr. Cevenini has a background in education and now does consulting work for the non-profit division of Cisco Systems. Mr. Cevenini discussed the need for broadband in education. Also discussed during the presentation was the recommendations made to Governor Joe Manchin by the Education sub-committee of the Broadband Strike Force, of which Mr. Cevenini is a member.

<u>Larry Malone, Chairman/Project Coordinator and Jack Schaffer, Technical Coordinator/CIO, West Virginia Telehealth Alliance</u> made as presentation on the FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The objectives of the program are to interconnect state and region-wide broadband health care networks with the overall goal of improving rural healthcare in West Virginia. Mr. Malone indicated the Alliance may come to the Council for funding or help in finding future funding sources.

Other Business

No other business.

If there are other suggestions, please contact Chair Goes (Kelley.m.goes@wv.gov or joan.e.knight@wv.gov) or bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for November 19, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.